Export potential of jasmine

3119. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of abundant production of jasmine /fruits in Madurai and adjoining districts in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey to assess their export potential;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has recommended to Ministry of Civil Aviation for setting up of a cargo complex at Madurai for exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Government does not have district-wise information on production of jasmine/fruits in Madurai and adjoining districts in Tamil Nadu. Also, no survey has been conducted in this regard.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Import of Chinese goods

3120. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of Chinese goods has affected the Indian industry, if so, to what extent;

(b) the steps Government have taken to check dumping/ smuggling of these goods; and

(c) in what manner smuggling of silk yarn into the country affected our own sericulture and weaving industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) From the available figures for India's export to China and

the imports from China for the period 1988-99 till 2001-2002 (figures for the latest year is available upto January, 2002) it can be said that the rate of growth of exports to China from India has been greater than the rate of growth of imports from China to India. Subsequent to the removal of QRs, the Government has been monitoring the imports including those from China. Whenever necessary, action is taken through appropriate use of tariff and other mechanisms including anti-dumping action to ensure that such imports do not cause any serious detriment or injury to the domestic industry. The Director General of Anti-Dumping have initiated 51 cases of dumping of goods from China. The Department of Revenue and other enforcement agencies are entrusted with the task of monitoring unauthorised imports, including smuggling.

Medium term exports strategy

3121. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some specific studies have been undertaken recently to evolve a medium term exports strategy for the services sector, especially relating to computer software, hospitality industry, super speciality hospitals and, as reported a committee has been constituted therefor; and

(b) if so, the details of the project undertaken, the terms of reference and composition of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) The Department of Commerce has initiated the work of preparing a Medium Term Export Strategy for Services. This would cover *inter alia* all services which have export potential including software, hospitality industry, super speciality hospitals, etc. Besides, the studies being done internally by the Department of Commerce, meetings are also being held with all relevant associationstouncils connected whu the export of k:y services.